

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Media Center

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in the Colchester High School Media Center. Board members in attendance were Board Chair Lindsey Cox, Directors Nic Longo, Jennifer Fath, and Student Representative Rylee Friend. District administrators in attendance included Superintendent Amy Minor, Business and Operations Manager George Trieb and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli. There were no audience members.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizen Participation

None.

III. Recording of FY'26 Budget Q&A for LCATV Information

As part of the communication plan for the FY'26 budget, the district partnered with LCATV to film a Q&A. Student Board Representative Rylee Friend served as moderator and asked board members and district administrators a series of questions connected to the proposed FY'26 school budget. The presentation will air on LCATV channels and be available for online viewing at www.lcatv.org.

IV. Second and Final Reading of School Search and Seizure Policy: F4 Action

Following the first reading and review, an additional section regarding refusal to cooperate was added to the final draft. No additional edits were made.

Director Fath moved to approve the second and final reading of the School Search and Seizure Policy: F4. The motion passed unanimously.

V. First Reading of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse Policy: F9 Action

This policy was reviewed as part of the regular policy revision cycle. The board reviewed the current policy and accompanying procedures, as well as the model policy set by the Vermont School Board Association. Superintendent Amy Minor recommended the board plan for three readings to allow for enough time for student and community input and revisions.

Director Fath moved to approve the first reading of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse Policy: F9. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda Action

The board reviewed the following consent agenda. There were no items requiring board approval.

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes **Action**
• February 4, 2025

Director Longo moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 4, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports **Information**

- Facilities Construction: Following meetings with educators and staff, Black River Design made revisions to the renovation floor plans and will be presenting the updates to the schools in a few weeks.
- The 2025 Annual Report to the Community will be delivered to mailboxes soon.

IX. Future Agenda Items **Information**

- Auditor Report
- School Calendar
- School Reports
- Weapons and Firearms Policy

X. Adjournment

Director Longo moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Board Clerk:

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk